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Training and research

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled:

"Training and research:

"(a) United Nations University;

"(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 29th to 31st and 33rd meetings, on 14, 17 and 22 November and 6 December 2006. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/61/SR.29-31 and 33). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, on 2 to 4 October 2006 (see A/C.2/61/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Council of the United Nations University;[1]

(b) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;[2]

(c) Report submitted by the United Nations University (informal paper in English only).

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts, under the symbol A/61/428 and Add.1-2.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 31* (A/61/31).

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 14* (A/61/14).

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4. At the 29th meeting, on 14 November, introductory statements were made by the Rector of the United Nations University and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (see A/C.2/61/SR.29).

5. At the same meeting, in accordance with the provisions of section C, paragraph 3 (d), of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a question time, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Estonia and Kenya, to which the Rector of the United Nations University and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research responded.